

Amendments to the Claims:

1. **(Previously Presented)** A brush seal, comprising:

- a side plate;
- a back plate having a perimeter;
- a bristle ring disposed between the side plate and the back plate; and
- a plurality of fasteners securing the back plate to the side plate, each fastener including a head, the head engaging the back plate perimeter and pressing the back plate and bristle ring against the side plate, each of the plurality of fasteners being located radially outward of an outermost edge of the back plate.

2. **(Original)** The brush seal of claim 1, wherein the side plate is annular in shape and includes a plurality of apertures adapted to receive the plurality of fasteners.

3. **(Original)** The brush seal of claim 1, wherein the back plate includes a recess for receipt of the bristle ring.

4. **(Original)** The brush seal of claim 1, wherein the side plate includes a recess forming a pinch point.

5. **(Original)** The brush seal of claim 1, wherein the plurality of fasteners are threaded.

6. **(Original)** The brush seal of claim 1, wherein the plurality of fasteners are cap screws.

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